

# AFSCME DAILY

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 | Boston, Massachusetts



## AFSCME's Generations Come Together



AFSCME retirees laid the foundations for our union, and Next Wavers – members age 35 and younger – are building upon that legacy. Tuesday, representatives of both groups met on stage to highlight the commitment of AFSCME activists across the board.

Retirees Phyllis Zamarripa (CO Chapter 76) and Howard Van Kleef (OH Council 8), along with Next Wave activists Tamika Nared, Local 1439 (PA Council 13), and Elyyss Argueta, Local 88 (OR Council 75) starred in a video showing their recent cross-country trip visiting local affiliates. Their goal: to experience AFSCME through its history, activism, lobbying and organizing efforts.

The camaraderie they displayed showed how generations of AFSCME leaders can learn from each other to improve the lives of working people.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**7:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

**Special Caucuses**  
BCEC Levels 0, 1 & 2

**9:30 a.m.**

**PEOPLE, Information & Exhibit Booths**  
(Until 1 hour after session.  
Closed during session)  
BCEC – Hall B

**10:30 a.m.**

**39th International Convention Convenes**  
BCEC – Hall C

**Jobs Program**

**PEOPLE Awards**

*Basil Townsend, Local 412 (CSEA)*

**Address**

*John Wilhelm*  
President, UNITEHERE!

**Organizing Program**

**Recess**

**Rally**

Boston Common  
(Immediately following recess)

## International Secretary-Treasurer Nominations

Convention delegates nominated candidates for the office of International Secretary-Treasurer on Tuesday. The election will take place on **Thursday from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.** in BCEC Hall A. Listed in alphabetical order, they are:

### CANDIDATE:

**Danny Donohue**, *President, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA)/AFSCME Local 1000 (NY) and IVP*

**NOMINATED BY:** **Veronica Montgomery-Costa**, *President of DC 37 (NY) and IVP*

**SECONDED BY:** **Denise Berkley**, *Statewide Secretary, CSEA (NY)*. **Roberta Lynch**, *Deputy Director, Council 31 (IL) and IVP*. **Henry Nicholas**, *President, National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees (NUHHCE)/Local 1199 (PA) and IVP*. **Eliot Seide**, *Executive Director, Council 5 (MN) and IVP*; and **Jaimie Sorenson**, *President, Local 328 (OR Council 75)*

### CANDIDATE:

**Mark Foley**, *President, Local 2019 (CA Council 57)*

**NOMINATED BY:** **George Cleveland**, *Membership Secretary, Local 2019 (CA Council 57)*

### CANDIDATE:

**Lee Saunders**, *Executive Assistant to the International President*

**NOMINATED BY:** **Gerald W. McEntee**, *International President, AFSCME*

**SECONDED BY:** **Sherryl Gordon**, *Executive Director, Council 1 (NY) and IVP*; **Laura Reyes**, *President, UDW Homecare Providers Union/Local 3930 (CA) and IVP*; **Lillian Roberts**, *Executive Director, DC 37 (NY)*; **Joseph Rugola**, *President, Ohio Association of School Employees (OAPSE)/Local 4 and IVP*; and **Braulio Torres**, *Vice President, Servidores Públicos Unidos (SPU)/Council 95 (PR) and IVP*

## Remembering 'The Lion'

The roar of the lion was heard loud and clear during Convention on Tuesday as our union paid tribute to a great ally, Boston's own Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy (1932-2009).

"With the death of Senator Kennedy, labor lost a true champion for working families," President McEntee said. "There was not one day on the floor of the Senate that he didn't bring his compassion, fearlessness and commitment to creating a fairer and more equitable nation for all."

A video presentation showed highlights of Kennedy's career and his long relationship with AFSCME, including his fight for such critical labor issues as raising the minimum wage, workers' safety and laying the groundwork for health care reform up until only a few months before its historic passage on March 23, 2010.

Kennedy's widow Vicki commended AFSCME members for working arm-in-arm with her late husband. "He said to me many times that AFSCME members were working not out of a sense of their own personal benefit," she remarked, "but out of a great sense of obligation to their fellow Americans."



**Vicki Kennedy**



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**TEXT NOW!** Use your cell phone to tell everyone what you're going to fight for and how you're going to lead. Instruction banners are at the Action Center, BCEC Hall B. Computer screens display the messages.

## National Labor College

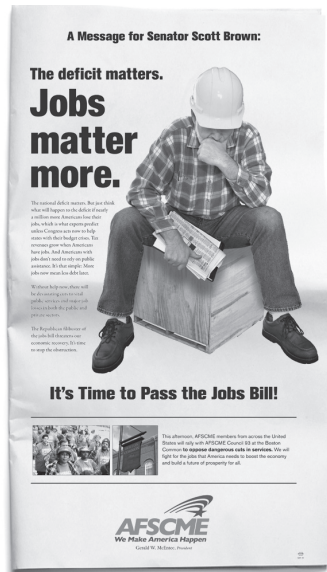
Finish your college degree with the support of the labor movement! More than 200,000 union officers and members have taken union skills courses at the National Labor College since its founding in 1969. To learn how it can help you, visit their booth, BCEC Hall B.

## Wellness Booth

Get your blood pressure checked today at BCEC Hall B courtesy of AFSCME/United Nurses of America (UNA). The booth is closed during General Session. It runs until an hour after the session ends.

## JOBS FIRST!

Check out AFSCME's ad in today's *Boston Globe* urging Republican senators to end their jobs bill filibuster. Then, **join the rally** at Boston Common this afternoon, where we'll tell Sen. Scott Brown (R-MA) to stop procrastinating!



## Backpacks: Get One While You Can!

Remaining delegate backpacks go on sale 9 a.m. today where registration packets were distributed: BCEC Hall B. \$20 – cash, or checks payable to AFSCME.

## Fun Run Friday

PEOPLE Fun Run forms are due at the PEOPLE kiosk, near the PEOPLE Booth in BCEC Hall B, by noon tomorrow.

Participants must have a minimum of \$100 in voluntary PEOPLE pledges, checks payable to AFSCME PEOPLE. In accordance with federal law, the PEOPLE Committee will accept contributions only from members of AFSCME and their families. Contributions or gifts to AFSCME PEOPLE are not tax-deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

## Thursday: PEOPLE T-Shirt Day!



## WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CAFÉ THURSDAY

The Women's Leadership Café **has been moved to Thursday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**, BCEC Ballroom (Level Three). Open to all. Light snacks provided. This first-ever event is an opportunity to share ideas about what it takes to become an effective leader.

## Ready for (Political) Action?

Stop by the Action Center to learn how to make a difference in the 2010 elections, check e-mail and learn about the Next Wave and AFSCME's Make American Happen campaign.

Complete an "Action Pass" and present it to the AFSCME Advantage Booth, BCEC Hall B, to win a prize. Today's winner, **Steve McGillis** of Local 313 (WA Council 28), won a golf bag!

## RESOLUTIONS

Delegates adopted several resolutions Tuesday. Among them, there were these four calling on AFSCME to: continue to combat efforts to undermine our member's retirement security and reaffirm support for defined benefit pension plans (#18); collaborate with other health care unions in developing criteria for the implementation of Health Information Technology systems (#5); have its leadership bodies at every level of the union to reflect its growing female membership (#3); and participate in labor-management efforts to improve the cost effectiveness of public services and help stop privatization (#73).

## THE GREEN MACHINE RALLIES TODAY


Be prepared to rally this afternoon for your brothers and sisters of Council 93, and working people everywhere! We're heading to Boston Common when today's session ends, so be sure to take all personal items with you when leaving today's session.

**Special T-shirts will be distributed to all delegates in the registration area (Hall B) starting at 8:30 a.m. until departure.** We will rally to oppose the closure of four of the state's six centers for the developmentally disabled, where several hundred workers are represented by Council 93. We're also opposing the planned closure of four branches of the Boston Public Library. Most of the 90 workers targeted for layoffs are represented by Local 1526. Rally participants will also call for fair and equitable contracts for several thousand higher education workers represented by Council 93.

Finally, we're urging the U.S. Senate to stop procrastinating and pass a jobs bill that will help states with their budget shortfalls, and prevent 1.5 million Americans from losing their unemployment insurance.

## Ron Green: Super PEOPLE Activist

Ron Green, a member of Local 3634 (Council 36), an equipment maintenance supervisor for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, was recognized Tuesday for his PEOPLE contributions. Green, head of his union's Political Action Committee, has pledged to boost his PEOPLE contribution each time he receives a pay increase.



## BUST THE MYTHS!

Talk to other members who do the same work as you. Attend one of the 21 special caucuses, "Busting the Myths About Public Service Workers," happening today from 7:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. A light breakfast begins at 7 a.m. No need to register.

Administration/Finance .....	Room 160 BC
Child Support .....	Room 155
Child Welfare .....	Room 258 B
Corrections .....	Room 258 C
Correcciones* .....	Sala 258 C
Early Childhood Education .....	Room 152
Emergency Services .....	Room 162 B
Employment & Vocational Services .....	Room 157 C
Servicios de Empleo y Vocacionales* .....	Sala 157 C
Environmental Protection & Parks .....	Room 257 A
Higher Education .....	Room 157 AB
Home Health/Home Care .....	Room 156 C
Salud Doméstica/Cuidado Doméstico* .....	Sala 156 C
Hospital-Based Acute Care .....	Room 156 AB
Housing .....	Room 258 A
K-12 Education .....	Room 259 A
Law Enforcement .....	Room 159
Libraries & Other Cultural Institutions .....	Room 257 B
Long-Term Care .....	Room 151 AB
Outpatient Services .....	Room 154
Probation & Parole .....	Room 153 A
Public Assistance .....	Room 162 A
Asistencia Pública* .....	Sala 162 A
Public Works .....	Room 52 A
Transportation .....	Room 52 B
Transportes* .....	Sala 52 B

En los talleres marcados con asterisco (\*), se ofrecerá traducción al español. (Spanish translation will be offered.)